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Dear Harold,

I was disturbed to get your letters of 7/6 and 7/8. I knew that your health was not great but was not aware that it waa failing in this fashion. I strongly recommend a complete checkup. The last time I was at your place we went down to a health cooperative or something like that to which you belong. They should have facilities for a complete checkup. There are all kinds of things which can beset someone your age, and which would lead to a general syndrome of just a physical breakdown, and the only way to find the cause is a very thorough physical exam with blood tests, etc. A physical breakdown is a sign that something is wrong, and should be treated as such--a signal from your body that there is something wrong. Not knowing your doctor or his professional abilities, I advise not taking any sort of assurances from him and insisting on a thorough checkup exam with tests, etc. One of the most frequent diagnostic mistakes, and the one which causes the most damage, is the failure to spot a problem or the explaining of symptoms in the easiest or least malignant manner. While I don't want to be an alarmist, my experience with many physicians leads me to advise overreaction to any sort of problem--assume that it may be something serious until proven otherwise. I have personally had to watch two patients die of neurological disorders (no relevence to what you mention is wrong to you) after having made the correct diagnosis myself just based on the following of the simple diagnostic rules as laid out by the book, while entire neurology staffs misdiagnosed something until it was too late.

Dick's idea on the photographing of 399 was a good one. The thing about the weight of 399 I thought we had discussed last summer. I discussed it with someone then. Although I hadn't looked into it as much as I had wanted, I had the idea that the weighing might have been after the taking of that sample for the spectrograph. On the McRae clipping Dick sent, his handwriting put an interesting name in the margin: Van Leuven. Remember Ceil Van Leuven who wrote you from Minneapolis? I will try to get in touch with her again now that this has come up. One never knows. I mentioned it in my last letter to Dick. Dick sent me a damn good memo on Herald so that I will know what I am doing. I wrote Dick extensively on Lifton

Your letters to Jim and Moo were interesting. The one to Jim was excellent. The one to Moo, while totally justified, may unfortunately, hinder getting your money. This type of situation is always a problem, since it has dragged on for so long, and has weighed heavily on you, and yet the principle need right now is the money. I am going to retype the one you wrote to Jim and send Vince a copy in case Jim is in touch with Vince, since I think that it is a fine statement of the situation, and shows remarkable restraint on your part. I have a terrible time living with Vince's attitudes towards Jim and his outlandish praise of him. I am afraid that Vince, perhaps like Ray Marcus and others working on the case, live in ivory towers and speak of the critics speaking out for the sake of history--a history which will never be written unles the critics themselves do it and then do things to try to insure its survival among the writings of the century. Vince considers the case solved for two reasons: we have caught the big guy--the CIA, even though, of course, we can't prove it, and we don't know who or exactly how or why this thing happened; and also, because undoubtedly such a well-oiled plot wouldn't leave anybody behind. As far as I am concerned, we have not yet scratched the surface on all possibilities on either end of the plot, and would be crazy to quit. To me it is very important to be able to construct proofs which would convince anyone who was sane, and very important to find out the actual mechanism and perhaps get an idea of the actual people or groups involved in this. Global theorizing is just not my style. And ironically, my personal method of public presentation,has already shown as far as I am concerned an even more important possibility with this work: opening a general credibility gap because for once we have solid evidence which people can see with their own eyes of an almost unbelieveable great lie. This is, naturally, a strain on my friendship with Vince, and gets me no love from Livy either since she, naturally, would just as soon see Vince retire from the case completely. So this has

again become a problem of sorts. This earlier came up in the phone debate which was a three-way gangup by Ray, Letha, and Vince on me, and what much of it boiled down to, if I am correctly extracting its essence, was whether one wanted to quit or fight. The main problem with Vince's approach is that it goes well within his limited ### ivory tower of intellectuals, but does nothing within the framework of the culture or society. It sounds great within his household, but does little outside of it. His NY speech was a good example.

Well, I've got to go now. Under separate cover are coming to you several archives documents which I am sending to you to copy and return. I would have gladly copied them for you, but they are far too light for our xerox (which needs cleaning, but wouldn't be capable of much even if it didn't)--I tried before sending. Also enclosed is an archives letter which should amaze you. It is from Eckhoff and is an answer of my letter of June 26 (which couldn't have arrived before the 28th or 29th) dated July 3! That is an all-time record for me. Has the policy changed there. I usually get letters answered after about 3 weeks at best. Even more interesting is that they also sent me the documents I ordered with that letter. After you return these and I get back from Dallas I will write that Kara-Patnitski memo. Do you have any ideas for further checking either he or Minerva Machinery Co. out? Edelman has done a thorough job on the phone books going back into the 50's. What about bill collectors--how do they check out ##### companies, etc.? By the way, this archives letter is the confirmation that CD 1373 is still classified, so we are set on that one.

If there is any kind of medical treatment or medicine which you cannot afford, but which you may need, please inform me. I can borrow a hundred dollars from my parents, and then loan you a $100 from my account on a long-term no interest basis, with the idea that if I ever get rolling in the field and pay back my debts and am well off, it will become a gift. I am very uneasy, and have been for some time about your financial situation, especially as it affects your health which concerns me not only because of the warmth and friendship I feel for you, but even because I feel that your ability to continue with the type of work you are doing could affect the society itself. So let me know. The fact that I am myself in a small amount of debt means little in this case, at least to me. I am dead serious about this offer.

Take it easy and give my regards to your wife.

Gary

PS: My date of departure will probably be near next weekend, but it is not certain yet. The car needs some minor work, and certain other details must be arranged.

PSS: Enclosed is a copy of my last letter to Penn, a letter to Dick (which is partially not there due to the carbon's having been folded, but I have no carbon myself, so I can't correct this), and page 18 of that LA Free Press Nagouchi interview. Page 18, as you will discover, is an important one, and it is good that I was able to get it from Mrs. Burgard on my committee. There are things on that page I didn't know of.